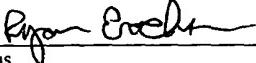


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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Akira NAKANO and Tadahiro OHMI

For: **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS**

Assigned to : ALPS Electric Co., Ltd. and Tadahiro Ohmi

This application is a Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: 10/033,443, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

202 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract

33 Sheets of formal Drawings

Declaration

Newly executed

Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).

The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.

Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)

Power of Attorney

- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
 Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
 Return Receipt Postcard
 Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- Priority of Japanese Application No. 2000-338246 filed on November 6, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. 10/033,443
 The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a
 Continuation Continuation-in-part Divisional
application of co-pending prior
 Application No. 10/033,443 filed on November 2, 2001,
 International Application filed on which
designated the United States,
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."
- Cancel in this application original claims 1-20 and 34-57 of the prior application
before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	13	MINUS	20	= 00	x 18 =	00
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[] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$280 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$750 =	750.00
TOTAL						750.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

- Check No. 7910 in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALPSP054D1).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ALPSP054D1).

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